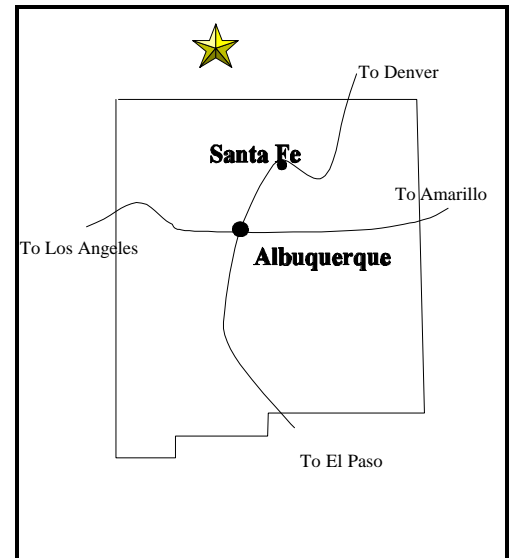


Jicarilla Apache Tribe

"little basket maker"



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History: "The Jicarillas were one of six southern Athapaskan groups which migrated out of Canada sometime between A.D. 1300 and 1500. Their traditional American Southwest homeland covered more than 50 million acres spreading across the central and eastern region of northern New Mexico and adjoining portions of southern Colorado and western Oklahoma. The Jicarillas preserved much of their fundamental Athapaskan culture after settling in the Southwest, but gradually adopted some of the cultural traits of their aboriginal neighbors from the Plains and the Upper Rio Grande. The Tribe's sovereign rights are vested in the Tribal Council, which serves as the legislative body, and an executive branch, which is headed by a president and vice president. The Tribe has created and funds an independent Tribal court of general jurisdiction. The Jicarilla's were the first tribe in the United States to acquire and operate their own oil and gas production company."

Solid Waste: Information available from the First Annual Report for Open Dumps on Indian Lands (dated October 20, 1995), it is believed the Tribe has one open dump that is considered a moderate relative threat to human health and the environment. No information is available on transfer stations or alternate disposal facilities. On June 16, 1998, the Jicarilla Apache Tribe submitted the Dulce Open Dump Closure/Post-Closure Care Plan. The purpose of the Closure/Post-Closure Care Plan is to close the open dump pursuant to the Title 40 of the Code of the Federal Register § 258.60 for the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill. EPA provided comments on the closure plan. EPA worked with the tribe, IHS, and BIA to finalize the closure plan and close the open dump.